GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES AND MINERALS
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6085
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LAND ACQUIRED BY WCL
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Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the land acquired by the Western Coalfields Limited for coal mines;

(b) whether the full compensation has been given to the land owners by WCL;

(c) if so, the rate and the amount of compensation provided to the land holders;

(d) whether WCL has promised to provide service to one member of the family of land holders;

(e) if so, whether this promise has been fulfilled; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES & MINERALS

(SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a) The details of the land acquired by the Western Coalfields Limited for coal mines under different modes is as under :

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i)   Coal Bearing Areas(Acquisition &
evelopment) Act, 1957  -    9,131.895 HA.
ii)  Land   Acquisition Act, 1894 -  3,352.210 HA.
iii)  State Code  -      1,437.370 HA.
iv)   By mutual negotiation -   1,581.800 HA.
    Total   -    15,503.275 HA.
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(b) Full compensation as per law is paid to the land owners on acquisiton of land.

(c) Rate of compensation varies from case to case depending, inter alia, on the following factors:
i) Classification of land,
ii) Year of acquisiton,
iii) Site of land,
iv) Location of village where the land is situated,
v) Access to irrigation,
vi) Proximity to commercial centres,
vii) Status of basic infrastructure in the area etc.

The total expenditure incurred by WCL against acquisition of land till February, 2000 works out to Rs.7,247.84 lakhs.

(d) to (f) As per the Resettlement & Rehabilitation policyof Coal India Limited, WCL has been offering one employment to each land oustee family losing minimum 3 acres of non-irrigated land or 2 acres of irrigated land either to self or lineal eligible dependent nominee of the oustee, except in cases of disputes among family members and consequent non submission of suitable nomination.